

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A packaging method comprising:

providing a bag comprising two main walls, having a mouth including an opening/closing means (30) for multiple successive openings and closings on the one hand and on the other hand, a cleavable linking veil (40), located at a distance (D) therefrom from the opening/closing means (30), inside the bag in relation to said opening/closing means (30),

introducing contents (100) to be wrapped in the bag, and

tightening of the bag in order to close it, and applying tension being applied to said contents (100), said veil (40) entering into contact with the contents (100) to avoid the application of stress on the opening/closing means (30),

but guaranteeing providing free access to the contents (100) via said opening/closing means (30) after tearing of said cleavable linking veil,

and enabling the bag to relax in a closed state as a result of the distance (D) separating the veil (40) and the opening/closing means (30), wherein said cleavable linking veil (40) is a U sheet, and

fixing a the U sheet formed using said cleavable linking veil (40) to the bag by welding the U sheet onto each of the two main walls of the bag at the distance (D) from said opening/closing means (30).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step for providing the bag comprises a welding step at the mouth of the bag in order to conform said mouth.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step comprises providing a closing assembly (300) including the U sheet that is formed by folding with a sheet (302) into a U shape, folded as a U on itself and the assembly (300) including opening/closing means (30), and of

welding this the assembly (300) with a concavity of said folded a concave surface of the U sheet turned outwards onto ward the mouth of the bag between the main walls (10, 20).

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the folded U sheet (302) is attached on the main walls (10, 20) at least near ~~the~~a middle area of the sheet.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the folded U sheet (302) is also attached onto the main walls (10, 20) near ~~the~~ free edges of the sheet.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step includes folding a sheet (312) ~~on itself as into~~ into a W shape including ~~in the form~~ of a central fold (318) and two side folds (317, 319), and of welding (313, 314) the top of the central fold (318) ~~thereby formed on the adjacent surfaces of the side components of the sheet so as to weld the central fold (318) of the folded sheet on each of~~ between the two main walls (10, 20) of the bag at a distance of said opening/closing means (30).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of welding the side folds (317, 319) near ~~the top of the mouth of the bag~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A packaging method comprising:

providing a bag, said bag having two main walls, whose mouth includes opening/closing means (30) for multiple successive openings and closings ~~on the one hand and on the other hand~~, a cleavable linking veil (40), located at a distance ~~therefrom~~ from ~~said~~ opening/closing means (30), inside the bag in relation to said opening/closing means (30);

introducing contents (100) to be wrapped in the bag; and

tightening of this bag ~~in order to close it, and applying tension being applied to said~~ contents (100), said veil (40) entering into contact with the contents (100) ~~to avoid~~ avoiding the application of stresses on the opening/closing means (30),

~~but guaranteeing providing~~ free access to the contents (100) via said opening/closing means (30) after tearing of said cleavable linking veil, and

enabling the bag to be relaxed in a closed state as a result of the distance (D) separating the veil (40) and the opening/closing means (30), wherein the ~~provision~~ providing step comprises folding a sheet (320) ~~on itself as into~~ into a U shape, to form the main walls (10, 20) of the bag;

attaching, onto the outside of this fold, a closing assembly comprising two supporting veils (31, 32) which bear respective opening/closing means (33, 34); and

welding said two supporting veils on each of the two main walls of the bag on each side of the U fold-forming ~~said cleavable linking veil~~, at the distance (D) from said opening/closing means (30).

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the opening/closing means (30) comprise a cursor (50).

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the filling of the bag is performed through the end of the latter opposite to its mouth.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the distance (D) separating the opening/closing means (30) and the veil (40) is between 2 and 5 cm.

12. – 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the opening/closing means (3) comprise a cursor (50).

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the filling of the bag is performed through ~~the~~at an end of the bag opposite to its mouth.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the distance (D) separating the opening/closing means (3) and the veil (40) is between 2 and 5 cm.